

ODU/VIRGINIAN-PILOT POLL

Conducted by Old Dominion University's Social Science Research Center.

Methodology: Cell and land line telephone interviews with 776 Virginia voters from May 16 to June 15. Margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Those polled were registered voters and people expecting to register.

Regarding the upcoming November 2012 U.S. election, have you been watching news coverage, reading reports, and/or researching candidates?	
Yes	89%
No	11%
Don't know	0.1%
How often would you say you have been watching news coverage of the election and researching candidates? Would you say several times a day, daily, every few days, about once a week or every few weeks?	
Several times a day	15%
Daily	45%
Every few days	20%
About once a week	15%
Every few weeks	4%
Don't know/Refused	0.1%
Do you approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?	
Strongly approve	20%
Approve	31%
Disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Don't know/Refused	1%
If the presidential election was held today and your choices were Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney, which candidate would you vote for?	
Democrat Barack Obama	49%
Republican Mitt Romney	42%
Other	1%
Would not vote for any of these	5%
Don't know/refused	3%
How excited are you about voting for your candidate of choice in the 2012 presidential election. Would you say not at all excited, not very excited, somewhat excited, or very excited?	
Not at all excited	7%
Not very excited	20%
Somewhat excited	37%
Very excited	37%
Don't know/refused	1%

How excited are you about voting for your candidate of choice in the 2012 presidential election.	Obama	Romney	Other
Not at all excited	5%	8%	10%
Not very excited	12%	30%	0%
Somewhat excited	38%	34%	50%
Very excited	45%	29%	40%
Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election?			
Yes	95%		
No	5%		
Did you vote for John McCain or Barack Obama?			
John McCain	47%		
Barack Obama	53%		
In the 2012 Congressional election, do you believe that your current representative in the US House of Representatives deserves to be re-elected?			
Yes	50%		
No	24%		
Don't know who my representative is	15%		
Don't know if he/she should be re-elected	11%		
And now, thinking ahead to the 2013 election for Virginia's governor, which of these candidates would you prefer to see win the Republican nomination for governor: Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling or Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli?			
Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling	27%		
Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli	35%		
Neither	17%		
Don't know	21%		
Refused	0.2%		
Now I have some questions about candidates and political issues. First, let's talk about economic issues like taxes and government spending. Where would you say your political views fall on economic policy?			
Very conservative	11%		
Conservative	27%		
Somewhat conservative	17%		
Moderate	25%		
Somewhat liberal	10%		
Liberal	7%		
Very liberal	3%		
Using this same economic policy scale, would you say Barack Obama is very conservative, conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, liberal, or very liberal?			
Very conservative	1%		

Conservative	4%
Somewhat conservative	6%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat liberal	15%
Liberal	22%
Very liberal	29%
Don't know/refused	3%
On this same economic policy scale would you say Mitt Romney is very conservative, conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, liberal, or very liberal?	
Very conservative	15%
Conservative	30%
Somewhat conservative	26%
Moderate	14%
Somewhat liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Very liberal	4%
Don't know/refused	7%
Overall, how do you think United States economic policy should change? Should economic policy be more conservative, stay the same, or be more liberal?	
More conservative	60%
Stay the same	12%
More liberal	23%
Don't know/refused	5%
Another set of political issues involves social and cultural policies like abortion, contraception, and gay marriage. Where would you say your political views fall on social policy?	
Very conservative	16%
Conservative	19%
Somewhat conservative	9%
Moderate	18%
Somewhat liberal	8%
Liberal	12%
Very liberal	16%
Don't know/refused	2%
On this same social policy scale would you say Barack Obama is very conservative, conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, liberal, or very liberal?	
Very conservative	1%
Conservative	3%
Somewhat conservative	2%
Moderate	14%
Somewhat liberal	16%
Liberal	31%

Very liberal	31%
Don't know/refused	2%
On this same social policy scale would you say Mitt Romney is very conservative, conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, liberal, or very liberal?	
Very conservative	23%
Conservative	33%
Somewhat conservative	20%
Moderate	13%
Somewhat liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Very liberal	2%
Don't know/refused	5%
Overall, how do you think United States social policy should change? Should social policies be more conservative, stay the same, or be more liberal?	
More conservative	42%
Stay the same	18%
More liberal	37%
Don't know/refused	3%
High gasoline prices have gotten a lot of attention recently. Please listen to this list of policy choices, and let me know which you think is the best way to bring down gas prices.	
Open more U.S. energy resources for drilling.	36%
Increase regulations on Wall Street speculators.	21%
Approve the Keystone XL pipeline.	14%
Tap the strategic petroleum reserve.	5%
Nothing should be done to bring down gas prices.	4%
Something else	19%
Don't know	2%
Do you generally feel closer to the Republican Party, the Democratic Party or do you consider yourself to be an Independent or something else?	
Republican	28%
Democrat	32%
Independent	34%
Something else (SPECIFY)	5%
Don't know/refused	1%
Do you think that Virginia governors should be allowed to run for re-election, or do you think they should be restricted to a single term?	
Should be allowed to run for reelection	73%
Should be restricted to a single term	26%
Don't know	1%

I need to confirm your gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
What is your annual household income?	
Less than \$15,000	5%
More than \$15,000 to \$30,000	8%
More than \$30, 000 to \$50,000	16%
More than \$50,000 to \$75,000	19%
More than \$75,000 to \$100,000	14%
More than \$100,000 to \$150,000	19%
More than \$150,000 to \$200,000	5%
More than \$200,000	6%
Don't know	2%
Refused	8%
How would you describe your race or ethnicity?	
White	75%
Black or African American	14%
Hispanic or Latino	1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%
Asian	2%
Multiracial	2%
Other	2%
Refused	3%